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## **Statement from Governor Jan Brewer**

Remembering the Victims of the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks

"Tomorrow, we pay tribute to the nearly 3,000 innocent lives taken 13 years ago in the worst act of terrorism committed on American soil.

"On this tragic anniversary, we honor the memories of the victims, reflect on the heroism of our fellow Americans and recognize the unfaltering resilience of our nation. We will never forget the brave passengers of United Flight 93; the men and women who lost their lives on the planes and at the World Trade Center and Pentagon; and the first responders who sacrificed their lives to save strangers. We also should remember the millions of Americans across this nation who came together in prayer, pride and patriotism – standing strong in the face of such evil. Our nation's response to that fateful day, as well as that of our freedom loving friends and allies who stood with America, is a solemn but important reminder that liberty will always conquer tyranny, and that we must remain vigilant in protecting our values and our people.

"This day is a further reminder that terrorism persists throughout the world, as we also remember the four Americans murdered on September 11, 2012, in the barbaric attack on our consulate in Benghazi, Libya. As always, special recognition is due for the men and women of our nation's armed forces who have fought, and who continue to fight, to defend the United States against enemies of freedom. We forever honor and support our military in their noble and just mission, and we are eternally grateful for their service and sacrifice.

"I have ordered that flags be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol and all state public buildings and institutions from sunrise until sunset on September 11, 2014. I encourage all individuals, businesses and other organizations to join in this tribute."